

Text books.

153. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have received complaints that text books had not been got ready at the Government Press in time for the re-opening of schools ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) the measures adopted to safeguard against such delays in future ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*) : (a) No.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Food production.

154. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** : Will the Government be pleased to state the measures adopted by the Agricultural Department to increase food production in view of the war and the consequent scarcity of foodgrains ?

Mr. K. R. Narayanan Aiyar (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*) : (i) Opening of departmental manure depots and stocking of artificial fertilisers for sale to ryots at cost price and on crop loan basis.

(ii) Manufacture of compost manure with town refuse and night-soil and leaf mould obtained from Reserved Forest areas for augmenting the local production of manures.

(iii) Conversion of single crop paddy lands in North Travancore into double crop lands under Lift Irrigation Scheme.

(iv) Insistence on the annual cultivation of kayal and other reclamations.

(v) Cultivation of vegetables on water free areas in the irrigation tanks.

(vi) Arranging for the supply of iron and steel for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

(vii) Conduct of cultural demonstrations on ryots' lands for convincing them of the need for using better manures, better seed and better implements for increasing the yield of paddy.

(viii) Carrying on vigorous propaganda by the Officers of the Department for putting every bit of available land under food crops.

(ix) Leasing out suitable wet and dry lands available in reserved forests.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : കാർഷികമായി ഏതെങ്കിലും ഗവണ്മെന്റുടെ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : ഉണ്ട്.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ആ ഗവേഷണങ്ങൾ എന്താണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ യോഗ്യമാകുമോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : ചില ഗവേഷണങ്ങൾ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിലായിരിക്കും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. സാധിതസമുദായം, ചെറിയതും വലിയതും രോഗങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയും വിത്തുകൾ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റിയും മറ്റും മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കുക, ഇതെല്ലാം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിലെ അധീനത്തിൽ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Applications from the Ganaka community for appointment.

155. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received by them from the Ganaka community for any appointment from 1-1-1116 to 31-12-1119 :

(b) the number appointed from those, either by the Public Service commissioner or by the Government ;

(c) whether they have received any applications from the Ganaka community, or from individuals of that community to exempt them from Public Service Recruitment Rules and to appoint, considering their rare representation in public service ;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, how many applications have been received ;

(e) whether any one of them was given any appointment, after giving exemption ; and

(f) whether they are aware that the chances of getting appointments to members of minor communities are rare under the present arrangement ?

Mr. S. N. Ure (Public Service Commissioner) : (a) to (e) No register of applications for appointment is maintained by Government as applications for appointments have ordinarily to be made to the Public Service Commissioner in accordance with the Public Service Recruitment Rules. As the Ganaka community is only one of the many sub-communities included under the recognised group "Other Hindu" and as statistics relating to recognised groups of communities alone are available, it is not possible to furnish the information sought for by the member.

(f) No ; it is a matter of opinion. Ganakas have secured appointments under the Public Service Recruitment Rules.